

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 29.6089

§ 29.6048 Type 55.

That type of cigar-leaf tobacco commonly known as Northern Wisconsin Cigar-leaf or Northern Wisconsin Binder-type, produced principally north and west of the Wisconsin River and extending into Minnesota.

§ 29.6049 Undried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco which has not been air-dried or steam-dried.

§ 29.6050 Uniformity.

A grade requirement designating the percentage of a lot which must meet the specified degree of each element of quality. (See Rule 12.)

§ 29.6051 Unstemmed.

A form of tobacco, including whole leaf and leaf scrap, from which the stems or midribs have not been removed.

§ 29.6052 Unsweated.

The condition of cured tobacco which has not been sweated.

§ 29.6053 Wet (high-case).

Any sound tobacco containing excessive moisture to the extent that it is in unsafe or doubtful-keeping order. Wet applies to any tobacco which is not damaged but which is likely to damage if treated in the customary manner. (See Rule 17.)

§ 29.6054 Width.

The relative breadth of a tobacco leaf expressed in relation to its length. (See chart.)

ELEMENTS OF QUALITY

§ 29.6081 Elements of quality and degrees of each element.

These standardized words or terms are used to describe tobacco quality and to assist in interpreting grade specifications. Tobacco attributes or characteristics which constitute quality are designated as elements of quality. The range within each element is expressed by the use of words or terms designated as degrees. These degrees are arranged to show their relative value, but the actual value of each degree varies with type and group.

| Elements | Degrees | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| Body | Heavy | Medium | Thin. | |
| Maturity | Immature | Mature | Ripe. | |
| Leaf structure | Close | Firm | Open. | |
| Elasticity | Inelastic | Semielastic | Elastic. | |
| Strength (tensile) | Weak | Normal | Strong. | |
| Width | Narrow |do | Spready. | |
| Length | (¹) | (¹) | (¹) | |
| Uniformity | (²) | (²) | (²) | |
| Injury tolerance | (²) | (²) | (²) | |

¹ Expressed in inches.

² Expressed in percentages.

RULES

§ 29.6086 Rules.

The application of these official standard grades shall be in accordance with the following rules.

§ 29.6087 Rule 1.

Each grade shall be treated as a subdivision of a particular type. When the grade is stated in an inspection certificate, the type also shall be stated.

§ 29.6088 Rule 2.

The determination of grade shall be based upon a representative sample or a thorough examination of a packing of tobacco.

§ 29.6089 Rule 3.

The grade of unsorted tobacco shall be based upon a representative sample of the packing. A minimum of 10 percent of the bundles or bales shall be selected at random for sampling; a higher